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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending and await action on the merits.

Support for the amendment is as follows:

- A) In the paragraph on page 6, lines 1-14 and claim 11, "R⁵Si₃-" has been replaced with "R⁵₃Si-". This typographical error and its correction would be obvious to the skilled artisan, since the group is described as being an end capping group and a trisilane does not fit into the context of the discussion in the specification.
- B) In the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 32, and in the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 18, support for the description of the ethers can be found on page 21, line 8.
- C) In the paragraph beginning on page 38, line 3 from the bottom, and in the paragraph beginning on page 53, line 24, support for "bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide" can be found in the chemical structure which appears at page 38, line 4 from the bottom.
- D) In the paragraph beginning on page 45, line 22, support for the term "polarizable" can be found on page 45, line 21.
- E) The paragraph beginning on page 46, line 22, has been amended by replacing the number of the Synthesis Example, since the cellulose derivative is described as Synthesis Example 4.
- E) The paragraph beginning on page 47, line 7, has been amended by replacing the number of the Synthesis Example, since the oxyalkylene-branched polyvinyl alcohol derivative is described as Synthesis Example 5.
- F) The paragraph beginning on page 47, line 31 has been amended by replacing the number of the Synthesis Example, since the cyano-substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group-bearing polyvinyl alcohol derivative is described as Synthesis Example 6.
- G) The paragraph beginning on page 51, line 18 has been amended by replacing the number of the Synthesis Example, since the cellulose derivative film is described as Example 3.

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H) The paragraph beginning on page 51, line 29 has been amended by replacing the number of the Synthesis Example, since the oxyalkylene-branched polyvinyl alcohol derivative film is described as Example 4.

I) The paragraph beginning on page 52, line 3 has been amended by replacing the number of the Synthesis Example, since the cyano-substituted monovalent hydrocarbon-bearing polyvinyl alcohol derivative film is described as Example 6.

Two examples have been deleted from the specification. All other amendments to the specification have been made to ensure that the examples are numerically in order.

Claims 5-17 have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies.

No new matter has been added by way of the above-amendment.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,977) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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